**Oil Seeds Production Programme**

2272. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basic key inputs for which financial assistance was given to State in the Oilseeds Production Programme;

(b) the extent of this assistance given to Maharashtra;

(c) what is the exact nature of efforts made for popularisation or rizobium culture in oil seeds production; and

(d) what is the response of Maharashtra in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The financial assistance is given for production and distribution of seeds, organisation of frontline and general demonstration, supply of P. P. Chemicals and equipments, Rhyzobium culture, gypsum/pyrite, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets etc.

(b) The Government of India has provided Rs. 985.00 lakhs as Central assistance under the Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) during 1993-94.

(c) Assistance @ of Rs. 15/- hectare is provided for distribution of Rhyzobium culture in case of groundnut and soyabean.

(d) The performance of Maharashtra in implementation of OPP including the supply of Rhyzobium culture is good.

**Soyabean and Sunflower Programme in Maharashtra**

2273. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the non-traditonal areas in Maharashtra where the Soyabean and Sunflower Programme have been taken up:

(b) how these areas have responded to the programme;

(c) how much subsidy on certified quality seeds was given in the area and how many sessions of demonstration through Indian Council of Agricultural Research were held in these areas; and

(d) for how much time will this programme be continued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) As per information gathered from Govt. of Maharashtra Sunflower and Soyabean Production have been taken up in large areas in the State only after 1980. In the current year an area of 5.50 lakh hectare is expected to be brought under Sunflower cultivation mainly in Latur, Osmenabad, Beed, Aurangabad, Jalana and Sholapur districts. Sunflower cultivation is done throughout the year, the average productivity in the State is about 600 kg. per ha. In the current season Soyabean production is expected to be taken up in about 5.00 lak ha. mainly in Nagpur, Amravati, Wardha, Akola,Yeotmal, Satara, Sangli, Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Dhule and Nasik districts and in some areas of Marathwada Division. The yield per ha. in 1992-93 is estimated nearly 1000 kg. per ha.

(c) An amount of Rs. 190.54 lakhs have been earmarked for the distribution of certified seed for all oil seeds in Maharashtra during 1993 ICAR has reported conduction of 28 and 15 Frotline Demonstrations of Sunflower and Soyabean respectively.

(d) Oil seeds Production Programme under which cultivation of these crops has been taken up will continue till end of VIII Plan e.g. 1996-97.

**पंजाब में बाढ़ के कारण भूमि की उर्वरा-शक्ति का नष्ट होना**

2274. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब में भारी वर्षा और बाढ़ के कारण फसलों को भारी नुकसान पहुंचा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विभिन्न सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा खरीदे गए गेहूं और चावल को, जो पंजाब में गोदामों में रख दिया गया था, भारी नुकसान पहुंचा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि बाढ़ के कारण काफी बड़े भू-क्षेत्र की उर्वरा-शक्ति नष्ट हो गई है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस दिशा में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?